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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Thomas A. Silvestrini

Serial No.: 08/596,221

Filing Date: July 15, 1996

For: SEGMENTED PLIABLE
INTRASTROMAL CORNEAL INSERT

Examiner: Mary Beth Jones

Group Art Unit: 3738

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 2, 1998 for which a response is due on June 2, 1998 and for which a three-month extension of time concurrently filed herewith to extend the time for response from June 2, 1998 to September 2, 1998. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 25-27 and 29.